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OAHU HAD RECORD YEAR

Crop and Price Combined For Stockholders Of Plantation

MANAGER BULL'S REPORT AT ANNUAL MEETING

Good Profit and Estimated Yield Exceeded — Improvements — The Profit and Loss Account

Manager Bull of Oahu Plantation points to the year closing with December 1908 as the banner period in the history of that property, a large yield combining with a high price of sugar. This appears in his report, and in his remarks to the stockholders he said the next year's crop would more than come up to the estimate.

The annual meeting of the corporation was held in the offices of the agents Saturday afternoon when officers were elected for the coming year as published in another column. Manager Bull's report is very complete. One interesting feature of it is the test made of the relative value of the Lahaina and Yellow Caledonia cane varieties. The Yellow Caledonia proved much better able to withstand the attacks of the leaf-hopper and produced more cane to the acre but less of sugar to the acre.

In referring to crop conditions the manager says:

We commenced grinding the crop of 1908 on Dec. 17th, 1907, and finished on September 7th, 1908. The crop was harvested from the following areas: Plant cane, 653.3 acres, long ratoon 3273.6 acres, short ratoon 557 acres; total, 4483.9 acres.

Our estimate for the above was 31,000 tons; the actual output for the year was 35,276 tons, in addition to which there were ground 340 tons cane purchased from outside plantations, which produced 44 tons, making a total of 35,320 tons (or 35,716 tons sugar of 96 degrees) manufactured; an excess of 4,320 tons sugar over the estimate. The great excess in yield over estimate is due mainly to the exceptionally fine quality of the cane juices, and to the fact that the damage done to the cane by leaf-hopper was much less than had been anticipated. The average yield from plant and long ratoons was larger than for several years past, and the sucrose in cane considerably higher than it had been during any preceding season; only 6.76 tons of cane per ton sugar being the average for the whole crop, while from some of

the fields on the upper lands but 5.9 tons of cane were required per ton sugar. The average yield per acre for the crop was about 7.88 tons sugar.

For the crop of 1909 there are to be harvested the following: Plant cane 883.24 acres, long ratoons 2,791.5 acres, short ratoons 622 acres; total, 4296.74 acres.

The estimate for this crop is 32,000 tons. We commenced milling from the above on the 15th of last December, and the juices, for so early in the season, have been very good. At the present writing we have taken off 6250 tons sugar, and have no doubt but that the estimate will be fully realized.

For the crop of 1910 we have planted 1005.3 acres, including 82.9 acres of new land in Waipio, which in addition to 2949.4 acres of long ratoons and 302.8 acres of short ratoons will bring the total area for this crop up to 4257.5 acres. Planting for this crop was finished during the first week of September, and although the weather has been exceedingly dry, the young cane, plant as well as ratoons, are looking very well and we anticipate good returns when it is harvested.

For the crop of 1911 we hope to plant 852 acres or possibly more, and have already made a good start with the steam plows, in order to get the planting done as early as possible. The total area for the 1911 crop will be about the same as that for 1910; the present crop areas being now almost equal.

Mill crop 1908.—The largest crop in the history of the plantation was milled during the past season, and the work in the factory, as shown by the mill report, was excellent throughout. The cost of manufacture was lower than for the previous crop, and the grinding was finished earlier than usual, giving ample time for thoroughly overhauling and repairing the machinery in the mill and boiling house.

A hydraulic cane unloading machine, designed by our mill engineer, and built on the place, was installed at the end of the season, this contrivance works exceedingly well, and has proven a great labor saver.

Improvements.—The expenditures for permanent improvements, which includes stock bought in the California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co., have been larger than usual and aggregated \$199,421.25 for the year. A considerable portion of this amount covers the cost and erection of the new sugar warehouse, which has been added to the mill. This warehouse is a substantial steel-frame building, with corrugated iron roof and sides, and concrete floor 100 x 200, and with a storage capacity of from six to eight thousand tons of sugar. It is equipped with automatic conveyors for storing and loading the sugar.

One new 27-ton Baldwin locomotive was purchased, and three miles of new railroad track have been built, this addition being necessary

in order to handle the larger crops.

Almost three-fourths of a mile of 24-inch wooden pipe syphon lines have been laid, partly to replace old flumes, and partly for conducting water to new lands taken in.

Railroad tracks have been regraded and roads and bridges improved throughout the plantation.

To the equipment of the machine shops and carpenter shop have been added a new large lathe, a metal planer, and a mortising machine, which puts our repair shops in a first-class condition.

With the exception of a few more laborers' houses, which it may be necessary to build, there are no further improvements contemplated for the present, and there should be little expenditure on this account in the coming year.

Profit and Loss Dec. 31, '08

Disbursements — Interest on bonds, \$47,827.50; income tax, \$13,993.26; overestimate on 1907 sugar, \$1,881.61; net profit, \$952,842.83—\$1,016,555.20; dividend paid out, 19 1-2 per cent., \$702,000; balance to be carried forward, \$253,744.30.—\$955,744.30.

Receipts—Gross profit on sales of sugar, merchandise, etc., \$1,015,123.30; interest received, \$1,431.90—\$1,016,555.20; net profit, \$952,842.83; interest on sinking fund, \$2,901.47.—\$955,744.30 profit balance this year, \$253,744.30; profit balance last year, \$731,739.74; balance carried forward to next year, \$985,484.04.

SPORTS

Nelson's Casual Match Made At Door

"I was just entering my home one morning when a husky young fellow accosted me," said Battling Nelson lately.

"The fellow said his name was Pudden Burns, and I found that he was a citizen of Hegewisch and worked at the carshops.

"Go and get some money," I told him, "and then we'll talk."

He reached right down in his pocket and came out with a roll.

There was nothing to it. I had another fight on my hands.

In two hours the whole town was talking about the coming bout, and we arranged to have the mill in an empty store not far from my home.

This fellow Pudden Burns wanted to show me up right in my home town, and I always had a sneaking idea that the Swedes put him up to it. They didn't want to see a Dane winning all the glory.

That fellow gave me a tough fight of it, however, and stayed the full six rounds, though I mauled him all over the ring. At the end of the last round the referee gave me the decision and Pudden didn't kick. He said he thought that I had won. I got \$75 for turning this trick, and that entitled me to stay a few more days at home.

By this time my father had given up all idea of making me stop the fighting game, and very privately one day he said: "Go ahead, veen de championships!" With that to urge me on I finally made good.

As a matter of fact I think my start for the championship began that week. I went over into Indiana again and was jobbed out of a decision when I met Billy Hurley at Hammond. The referee called the bout a draw and the affair came near winding up in a free for all fight.

I was losing confidence in the honesty of officials and I decided to quit that part of the country entirely and seek a new field."

Wonderful Ski Jumping Feat

Chippewa Falls (Wis.). — A new world's record of 135 feet for ski jumping, it is said, was made recently at the Northwestern ski tournament by Oscar Gunderson of Chippewa Falls.

The previous world ski record was 135 feet, made by Nels Gjestvang, at Modum, Norway, in 1902.

The best previous American ski jump was made last year at the annual meet of the National Ski Association. At that meet John Everson of Duluth jumped 131 feet.

Other records were made, according to the announcement of the management of the meet. Oscar Gunderson and Ole Mangseth of Coleraine, Minn., jumped 100 feet in the twin jump. The previous record was 84 feet. The boy's record of 84 feet was exceeded by Ingwald Hendrickson of Eau Claire, who jumped 114 feet. Most every contestant at the meet exceeded 110 feet, while men jumped 125 feet or more.

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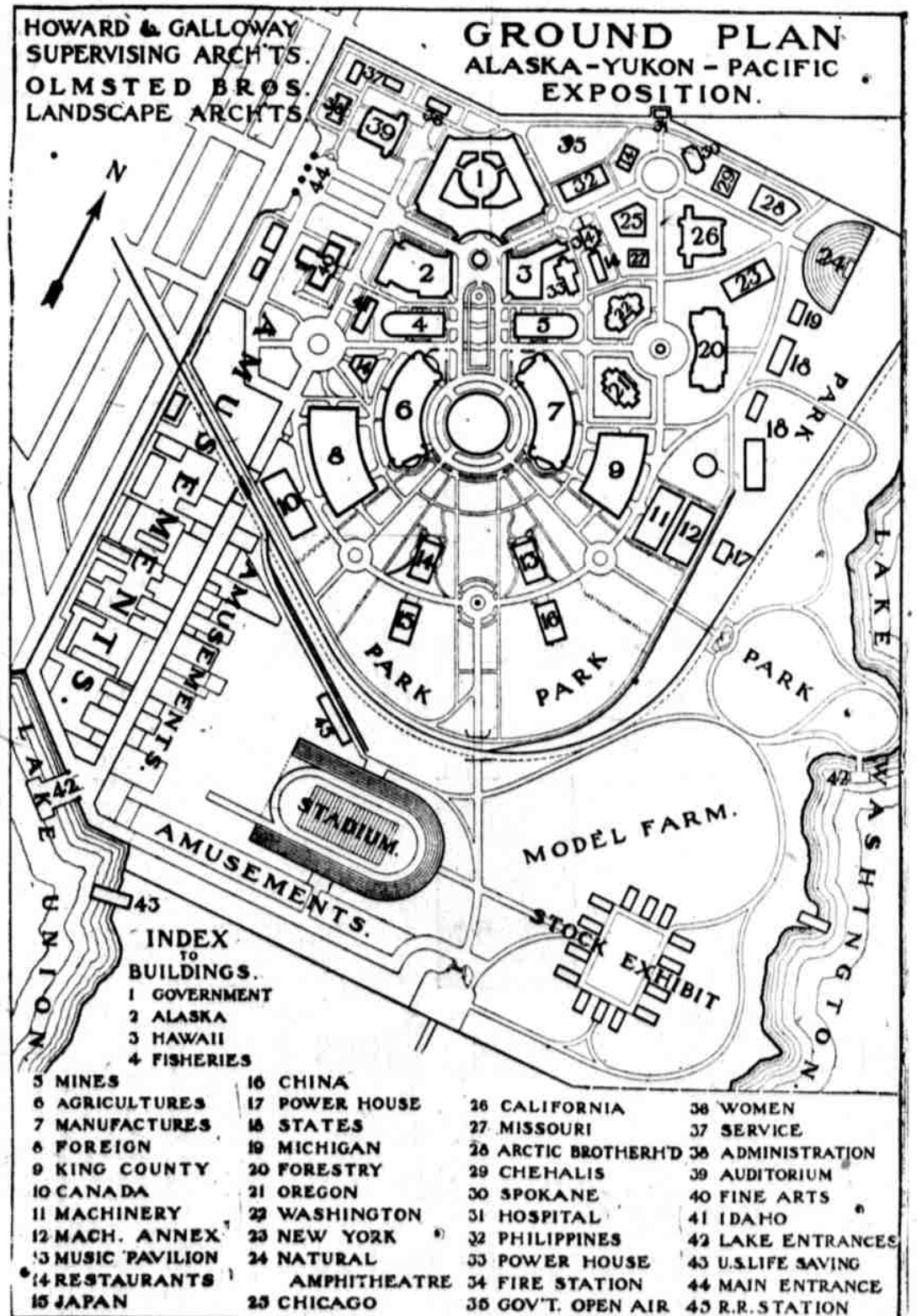
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